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Do you know what HEALTH INSURANCE is? It may be worth \$5 per week to you call at this agency and be informed.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

PERSONAL POINTERS FITLY PRINTED.

Various Items Garnered From This and Other Fields—What Our People Are Doing.

Orange trees are blooming. For additional local see 1st page.

The Moore Family show tonight. Sheriff Fielder was here again Wednesday.

Col. Pepper will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit Sunday morning.

Lent began last Wednesday, which was Ash Wednesday.

The rummage sale by the Episcopal ladies, Saturday, proved quite a success and netted \$17.00.

Don't forget the great Moore family show this Friday night. Two and a half hours of solid fun.

Sixteen lively Kansas people are enjoying life at Col. Lewis's, two miles north of Grove City.

There was considerable frost at Lakeland Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. None here.

Colored citizens have recently built three dwellings out near El Palmetto Cigar Factory.

A. Roe has a great variety of stock and dairy feed on hand. Call and make your selection.

The Great American shows will exhibit here on next Thursday, 20th inst., afternoon and night.

Frank Bohan, having decided to marry, is building a house on a lot near the Punta Gorda Ice and Power Co.

Miss May Deshong, of Nocatee, is visiting her uncle, Mr. James A. Newsome, and her friend, Mrs. J. E. McIntosh, of this city.

There will be a grand street parade next Thursday by the Great American show. Everybody should see it.

Sharpe "Poinciana" brought in 22,000 mullet Saturday. As the fish will average over three pounds each it will be seen that it was a big catch.

The bank and the store of the Earnest Dry Goods Co. will soon be lighted with acetylene gas. Mr. J. H. Swift will put in the plant next week.

The old favorites, the Moore Family show, bigger and better than ever, will be here on the 14th of February, which is tonight.

See change of date in advertisement of the Moore Family show, which will exhibit in Punta Gorda Friday, February 14, afternoon and night.

Messrs. Morey and Mora, of Dayton, Ohio, are recent additions to the guests at Hotel Tarpon, Grove City.

The former is making a beautiful collection of sea shells.

S. J. Chadwick, in one day last week, killed 87 ducks on Lemon Bay. Such a slaughter as this should suggest the idea of extending the game laws to protect the ducks.

W. I. Mason and son, of New York, went down to Englewood last week to spend the remainder of the season at the Inn.

Messrs. Cooper and E. H. Collier, from the upper part of the State, visited the Grove City section last week prospecting for real estate on the line of the expected railroad.

The "apron social" given by the ladies of the Presbyterian church at the home of Mrs. Eli Tucker, Tuesday night, attracted a full house proved highly enjoyable and produced very satisfactory financial results.

An unusual number of pelicans are in the bay this season. And this reminds, Mrs. Hugh M. Comer, of Savannah, who is wintering at Hotel Punta Gorda, is making herself an opera cloak of the breasts of pelicans, which will be a very beautiful garment.

The Great American Combined Railroad Show, which is to exhibit in Punta Gorda next Thursday afternoon and night, is a brand new affair, recently organized in Tampa and made up of star performers picked from other shows. It is said to be one of the best on the road.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Salmon, of New York, are keeping house in a hotel cottage at Grove City. Mr. Salmon went out fishing one day last week and caught twenty-two bass averaging over eight pounds each, and not wishing to waste such fine fish, he hurried all over the town to give them away to any one who wanted them.

A cubic yard of Punta Gorda rock when dry weighs 2300 pounds. Richard L. Windham weighed one cubic yard to ascertain the weight preparatory to taking a contract to haul 8000 two-horse loads of it to the bay front of the Consolidated Ice and Fish Freezing Company. The contract was given to Windham & Burnham and they are now hauling the rock.

Mr. Albert F. Dewey is rusticated in Bartow for a week.

Miss Virginia Giddens, of Charlotte Harbor, is visiting relatives and friends in Tampa.

Mrs. E. B. Carlton died of consumption at her home in Arcadia Monday morning.

Clay Porter has plowed up his 3-acre lot in town preparatory to planting an orange grove.

Don't forget that THE HERALD has plenty of nice, clean newspapers for sale at 20 cents a hundred.

Punta Gorda these days is having lots of shows and all are well patronized. Fortunately, all of them seem to be decent affairs.

Call on N. N. Wakefield for your hay and grain.

Mr. Jno. H. Farrington, customs officer, went to Tampa this week to attend United States court.

WANTED—To rent a small house with convenience for garden and chickens. Must have water. Apply at this office.

David Kelly, of Englewood, has prepared to raise sugar cane and make syrup. To this end, he has brought down a crushing mill and an improved evaporator.

Nobbiest and biggest line samples of gent's spring and summer clothing you ever saw just received at R. C. BLOUNT'S.

Messrs. Baker and M. Sibley, of Cleveland, Ohio, went to Grove City last Friday to spend a month with N. B. Wheeler.

The big cattle dock was finished last week and is now ready for business. It is 3100 feet long and very substantial. Contractor C. L. Fries made a fine job of it.

Mrs. E. E. Camp, of Louisville, Ky., arrived this week on a visit to her niece, Mrs. A. C. Freeman. She is accompanied by her two handsome little sons, Masters Everett and Wallace.

Pay less and dress better is the motto of BLOUNT. Suits made to order and a fit guaranteed.

Visitors to Arcadia wishing to get a substantial dinner at a low price will find it at the Steele House. And landlord Steele and his amiable wife will make you feel perfectly at home.

Amusement-loving people are beginning to rise up and demand an opera house for Punta Gorda. Judging from the way our people turn out by wholesale to shows of all kinds, it does seem that a good opera house with a seating capacity of 500 would prove a paying investment.

Messrs. Peter B. Bradley, of Boston, and J. F. Gibbons and Joseph Saunders, of New York, arrived Sunday and left next day for Hull to take a look at the big phosphate plant there in which they are stock holders. They were accompanied by J. B. Barody, superintendent of the works, and Albert F. Dewey, of this city.

Rooms for rent—three good ones. Apply to N. N. Wakefield.

Avon Park Sun, February 7: Tax Assessor Frank M. Cooper, of Punta Gorda, was here Tuesday and Wednesday to receive tax returns. He was accompanied by his son, Frank, a very likely looking youth of sixteen perhaps. Mr. Cooper is one of the tallest men we ever saw, his height being 6 feet and 6 inches. He says he knows one man in DeSoto county who is taller than he is.

Wood! Wood!—Big supply thoroughly seasoned stove wood, at N. N. Wakefield's.

Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Vin, of Allentown, Pa., passed through town last Friday on their return from a month's visit to L. A. Anger, of Vineland, who accompanied them here. They were so well pleased with their visit that they bought property and will build a home on it next September. J. V. Keedy, who came with the Vins, will spend the balance of the winter at Vineland.

Gen. Gilechrist went down to Sanibel island this week and came back highly enthusiastic on the subject of "grits," otherwise corn hominy. He says, cook the grits, beat up two eggs, add condensed milk, mix the three in an oatmeal bowl and you have the finest breakfast dish (excepting pineapples) that you ever saw. The general is going to write a treatise on the subject and have it published in the leading magazines of this country and Europe.

A good deal of work is being done at the colossal ice and fish freezing factory. An immense quantity of big sills and other lumber is on the ground and workmen are engaged in shaping it up for being put in proper place. Besides the huge boilers and smoke-stacks, the car loads of steel freezing plates and 6-inch steel well piping received some weeks ago, several car loads of condensing pipes, safety and angle valves and other mechanical appurtenances have arrived and have been partly unloaded. The surrounding lots have been cleared off and the cabins there removed. Everything is fast getting ready for the contractors who are to install the machinery.

Mr. T. N. Lawrence, the genial and bustling advance agent of the Moore Family Virginia Minstrel and Variety Show, was billing Punta Gorda Monday and gave this office a pleasant call. He reports business good all along the line, and predicts a full turnout at the performances here this afternoon and tonight. Mr. Lawrence left Wednesday to bill Fort Myers and Sanibel.

A NOTED HOTEL MAN

Passed Away Saturday at Hotel Punta Gorda.

Mr. Robert Bassett Hughes, age 58 years, died of kidney trouble at Hotel Punta Gorda at 4 p. m. Saturday, February 8th inst. He came here for medical treatment, arriving on the preceding Tuesday, and Dr. Burland was called to see him and did all that could be done for him, but without avail.

During his last days he was assiduously attended by his devoted wife; his daughter, Mrs. Medford Kellum, of Miami, and his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Hughes. These are all the immediate kindred left to mourn his loss.

Manager Van Riper of Hotel Punta Gorda, and other friends here showed very kind attention to the sick gentleman. The funeral services were conducted in the Episcopal church by Rector J. T. Purdie at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, after which the body was laid temporarily to rest in the local cemetery. In a few weeks it will be taken to Greenwood cemetery Brooklyn, N. Y., for final interment.

Mr. Hughes, the deceased, was born in Belfast, Ireland, and came to the United States when twenty-one years old. He soon became prominent as a splendid hotel manager, in which business he was engaged for thirty years. For years he managed the Columbian Hotel at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and in 1885 he built and opened the United States Hotel at Hot Springs, Arkansas. For twelve years he managed the Coleman House at Far Rockaway, L. I., and for the past eight years he has managed the San Carlos Hotel at St. James City, Pine Island.

During the active life he has led, he became well known and highly esteemed at the leading resorts of the country and many friends in various quarters of the United States will receive the tidings of his death with sincere sorrow.

He was a devoted husband, a kind and indulgent father, a loyal friend and a patriotic citizen. His bereaved wife will remain in this locality with her son, Mr. Edward H. Hughes, who is proprietor and manager of Hughes' Floating Hotel that plies amongst the islands below here. She and her son and daughter have the sympathy of many friends in this locality.

CARD OF THANKS.

To those thoughtful and considerate people of Punta Gorda and especially to Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Van Riper, who, by their kind and generous attentions contributed to the comfort of the last hours of our beloved husband and father and alleviated by their sympathy our own grief, we desire to return our heartfelt thanks and to assure them that their kindly acts and words will ever be cherished with gratitude in our memory. We wish also to sincerely thank the members of the Masonic fraternity and the Rector and Choir of the Episcopal church for very kind services rendered.

MRS. IDA J. HUGHES,
EDWARD H. HUGHES,
MRS. M. R. KELLUM.
St. James City, Feb. 11, 1902.

Lenten Services.

Services during Lent at the Church of the Good Shepherd will be as follows:

On Sundays, as usual—1st and 3d. Wednesdays—Early communion at 7 a. m.; prayer and address at 7 p. m. Fridays—Lentany at 7 p. m.

Arcadia is about free from scarlet fever. Dr. Luby Smith, employed by the county commissioners, has worked energetically to "stamp out" the disease at Arcadia and elsewhere and he seems to have succeeded. But his efforts have cost the county a pretty penny.

The Nelson family, composed of handsome men and women and said to be without any superiors as acrobats, tumblers and trapeze performers, are with the Great American show, which will exhibit here next Thursday.

FOR RENT—A four-room cottage in Lavilla with one and a half acres of land for gardening. This place is also for sale with a half acre more set with pineapples. Apply to J. A. ROBERTS, Punta Gorda.

A. Roe keeps a stock of cement on hand.

It is observed that a majority of Sundays for the past two years have been cloudy, rainy or uncomfortably cold. Lovely Sundays have been the exception.

Col. Trabe visited Tampa on legal business this week.

Be sure to read the new advertisement of B. Bassett & Co. in this paper.

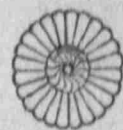
In the federal court at Tampa, Wednesday, Torera Padello and Jane Padello, the Boca Grande Spaniards, were found guilty of smuggling rum, cigars and tobacco. Sentence not yet announced.

If you wish to keep up with the changes and also the trading inducements offered, you should peruse what McClane and Oliver have to say in today's paper.

Mr. W. H. Rankin went to Winter Haven this week and bought a large lot of fine orange, grapefruit and other trees to set out on his place in Solana.

The Messrs. Roach, of Uaupia Inn, have bought a splendid steam launch costing \$15,000. It will ply between the island and Punta Gorda and neighboring points for the accommodation of guests of the Inn. It was due to arrive at Uaupia yesterday from Tampa.

Inventory Sale.



CONTINUED

FOR the next two weeks we will sell all Dress goods, Outings, Flannels, Jackets, Capes, Millinery, etc., at or

Below Cost.

Great Slaughter in Millinery.

Hats, value \$1, \$1.50 and 2.00, now 58 cents.

Ladies, remember this sale lasts

14 days from February 14th.

Now is the time to Buy. The

goods must be sold at some

price. We need the room and

are willing to slaughter the

goods to get it. Come early and

get first selection as the goods

will not last long at the price.

J. R. Elliott.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU EAT!

Good Health Demands

Wholesome Food,

SUCH AS YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND AT THE

P. G. M. AND S. S. CO.

(Punta Gorda Market and Ship Supply Co.)

Everything in the Grocery line, including Fresh Meats, of all kinds, Fruits, Vegetables, Eggs, and Chickens. Rock bottom prices throughout. Prompt Free Delivery.

Seward's.

Whole wheat and Graham flour at SEWARD'S. Before painting or re-painting your house get Seward's prices on paints, oils and Atlantic lead. New stock of ready mixed paints received this week.

Seward's hardware department may not be the most complete in the United States, but when it comes to prices, he'll startle creation. Ship chandlery, building material, tools, implements, etc., at honest prices.

Seward will positively save you 25 to 50 per cent on footwear. This is what scores of new customers tell us, and they speak the truth. Honest goods at live and let live prices is our motto. A new stock of good, durable shoes just opened.

Go to Seward's for fresh, first-class groceries at the lowest possible prices.

Remember, that R. K. Seward is agent for both Mapes' and Wilson & Loomis's fertilizers—best manufactured.

Seward's gents' furnishing department is recognized by all thinking people as a money-saving annex. Here you get regular 50-cent articles for a quarter.

Seward will supply you with anything from a needle to a brick house, at the lowest prices. Remember this.

Seward's.

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is always to be found at

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